ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed are derivatives of glycopeptide antibiotic compounds having at least one substituent of the formula:

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$$-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$$

where R^a , R^b , Y, Z and x are as defined, and having a group W at the glucose C-6 position, where W is as defined; and pharmaceutical compositions containing such glycopeptide derivatives. The disclosed glycopeptide derivatives are useful as antibacterial agents.